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RE: **Proposed Claim Amendment**
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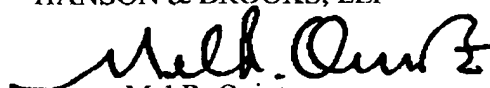
Pursuant to your suggestions on how to amend the claims, attached herewith are the amendments to the claims, which have been approved by the applicants..

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you very much for your consideration.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,
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Enclosures: Amended Claims

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